

## **COUNCIL ON HUMAN SERVICES**

### **MINUTES**

**May 14, 2014**

#### **COUNCIL**

Mark Anderson  
Phyllis Hansell  
Mark Peltan  
Guy Richardson  
Roberta Yoder  
Kim Spading (absent)  
Alexa Heffernan

#### **EX-OFFICIO LEGISLATIVE MEMBERS**

Representative Joel Fry (absent)  
Representative Lisa Heddens (absent)  
Senator Amanda Ragan (absent)  
Senator Jack Whitver (absent)

#### **STAFF**

Chuck Palmer  
Sandy Knudsen  
Rick Shults

Nancy Freudenberg  
Jen Harbison

#### **GUESTS**

Sara Allen, Iowa Hospital Association  
Dennis Tibben, Iowa Medical Society  
Jess Benson, Legislative Services Agency  
Linda Brundies, Office of Ombudsman  
Erin Davison-Rippey, Planned Parenthood of the Heartland  
Aaron Todd, Iowa Senate Democrats

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mark Peltan, Chair, called the Council meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 14, 2014, in the Medical Office Building Conference Room, Broadlawns Medical Center in Des Moines.

## **ROLL CALL**

All Council members were present with the exception of Spading. All ex-officio legislative members were absent.

The Council welcomed and introduced themselves to new member Alexa Heffernan.

## **ADOPTION OF RULES**

Nancy Freudenberg, Bureau of Policy Coordination, presented the following rules to Council.

1. Amendments to Chapter 7 "Appeals and Hearings," Chapter 40, "Application for Aid (FIP)," and Chapter 41, "Granting Assistance (FIP)." Implements amendments for a new ineligibility period due to accessing FIP benefits with an electronic access card at a prohibited location when certain criteria are met.

A motion was made by Yoder to approve and seconded by Richardson. MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

2. Amendments to Chapter 75, "Conditions of Eligibility." Increases premiums for applicants and recipients under the Medicaid for Employed People with Disabilities (MEPD) program with income over 150% of the FPL.

A motion was made by Hansell to approve and seconded by Yoder. MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

3. Amendments to Chapter 75, "Conditions of Eligibility." Increases average costs for PMICs, MHIs, and Nursing Facilities.

A motion was made by Hansell to approve and seconded by Heffernan. MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

4. Amendments to Chapter 75, "Conditions of Eligibility." Updates maximum Medicaid rates for Intermediate Care Facilities for Intellectually Disabled Persons which is used to determine disposition of the income due to a MAIT.

A motion was made by Anderson to approve and seconded by Hansell. MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

5. Amendments to Chapter 79, "Other Policies Relating to Providers of Medical and Remedial Care." Removes the specific dollar amount and effective date

of the pharmacy professional dispensing fee while indicating that the fee shall be set by a fee schedule determined through surveys of dispensing costs.

A motion was made by Richardson to approve and seconded by Hansell.  
MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

## **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Jen Harbison, Policy Advisor, reported on the following:

- DHS staff are reviewing the Health and Human Services Appropriations Bill which was passed through the legislative conference committee. The review will focus on the fiscal implications and how the bill differs from the Governor's recommendations.
- Medicaid consumes much of the appropriation, and of concern are the federal changes to FMAP (Federal Medical Assistance Percentages) which determine matching funds. DHS will continue to monitor expenditures as FY14 ends and to watch for potential shortfalls.
- The appropriation legislation expanded eligibility for child care assistance by allowing a combination of part-time work and school, but underfunded the program by half.
- Funding for the care of CINAs and delinquents that would otherwise have been served at the Toledo Juvenile Home was included in the appropriations bill.
- An appropriation was made to expand the PALS (Preparation for Adult Living Services) program for a partial year.
- DHS staff are reviewing the language in the appropriations bill that specifies how to calculate the Medicaid Offset based on savings counties experience as a result of the Iowa Health and Wellness Plan (IHWP)
- The implementation of the IHWP has been doing well in terms of transitions and enrollments.

## **BROADLAWNS MEDICAL CENTER (BMC) PRESENTATION**

Director Palmer commented that BMC has been an outstanding partner with the Department and was a key agency in the State in regards to the IowaCare program. Broadlawns is nationally recognized as an outstanding hospital that serves low-income people. BMC has seen not only physical plant improvements, but improvements in the overall delivery of care for this population. The hospital has been a strong supporter of the Affordable Care Act expansion and Palmer congratulated President Jenner for his leadership.

Jody Jenner, President and CEO of Broadlawns Medical Center addressed the Council.

#### Broadlawns Medical Center Highlights:

- Provides care to Central Iowans for over 90 years
- 200 beds, 1000 staff with a \$140M budget
- Accepts all forms of insurance
- Handles 20% of Central Iowa hospital emergency visits
- Handles 1/3 of Central Iowa's inpatient mental health volume
- Emphasis as a primary care hospital
- Largest family medicine residency program in Iowa
- History of taking care of the uninsured and underinsured over the years
- Goal is to lessen the burden on taxpayers
- Employee turnover rate is 20% lower than the national average

President Jenner also noted the current challenges facing the hospital:

- Stagnant economy
- State and Federal reimbursement cuts
- Health reform law and competitive marketplace
- Stiff regulatory requirements
- Mental health demands outstrips supply of providers
- Ongoing quality improvements

President Jenner and BMC staff conducted a tour of the facility for Council members and guests.

#### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Director Palmer gave the following report:

- The Department is working closely with the Department of Management and the Governor's Office to address any shortfalls in the Medicaid program for both SFY2014 and SFY2015.
- Part of the "Deficit Reduction" appropriations bill included funding for Toledo Education Compensation.
- The Governor has 30 days from the close of the legislative session to take action on bills.
- Regarding Toledo, legislation passed that would keep two staff at the facility for the purposes of maintaining the physical plant. Toledo's physical assets and records are being moved to other DHS facilities.
- DHS is tracking the youth that were being served at Toledo (approximately 50 girls), and will be able to report back to the legislature on their status and to better ascertain the service need for this population going forward.

- The Legislature's Oversight Committee will continue to review the personnel practices of the Department of Administrative Services.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Richardson to approve the March 12, 2014 minutes and seconded by Yoder. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

A motion was made by Hansell to approve the April 9, 2014 minutes and seconded by Richardson. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

### **COUNCIL MEMBER'S UPDATE**

Peltan suggested that, in the future, the Council may want to discuss issues surrounding the difficult-to-place client which often results in lengthy hospital stays. He also suggested that the Council be updated on the effects of the Accountable Care Act as it moves forward.

Election of officers to the Council will take place at the July meeting.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Council on Human Services will be Wednesday, June 11, 2014.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Council thanked President Jenner and the Broadlawns Medical Center staff for their hospitality and hosting the Council meeting.

A motion was made by Richardson to adjourn and seconded by Yoder. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

Council adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Submitted by,



Sandy Knudsen  
Recording Secretary